

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2 and 4-27 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 2, 4-7, 9-11, 13, 14, 22 and 23 are amended, claims 26 and 27 are added, and claim 3 is cancelled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein. No new matter is added. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 3, 4, 9, 11, 12, 17, 19 and 22-25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Japanese Publication No. 09-037125 (JP'125) and U.S. Patent No. 6,545,687 to Scott et al. (Scott). The rejection of claim 3 is rendered moot by the cancellation of claim 3. The rejection of the remaining claims is respectfully traversed for at least the following reasons.

With regard to claims 1, 4, 9 and 17, Applicant respectfully submits that neither JP'125 nor Scott discloses or suggests the combination of features recited in independent claim 1 including, *inter alia*, a control device that controls the processing device, the transmission device and the internal storage device, and causes the internal storage device to store the basic image data and the simplified image data, and to delete the basic image data without deleting the simplified image data after the transmission device has transmitted the basic image data, as recited in amended claim 1. For at least these reasons, Applicant submits that the combination of JP'125 and Scott fails to disclose or suggest all the features of claims 1, 4, 9 and 17.

With regard to claims 11, 12 and 19, Applicant respectfully submits that neither JP'125 nor Scott discloses or suggests the combination of features recited in independent claim 11 including, *inter alia*, a control device that controls the image capturing device, the simplified image data generation device, the transmission device and the internal storage device, the control device controlling the internal storage device to store the basic image data and the simplified image data, and after the transmission device has transmitted the basic image data, controlling the internal storage device to delete the basic image data without

deleting the simplified image data, as recited in amended claim 11. For at least these reasons, Applicant submits that the combination of JP'125 and Scott fails to disclose or suggest all the features of claims 11, 12 and 19.

With regard to claims 22-25, Applicant respectfully submits that neither JP'125 nor Scott discloses or suggests the combination of features recited in independent claims 22 and 23 including, *inter alia*, the step of or instructions for deleting the basic image data from the internal storage of the image capturing upon completion of the transmission of the basic image data to the external storage device, as recited in amended claims 22 and 23. For at least these reasons, Applicant submits that the combination of JP'125 and Scott fails to disclose or suggest all the features of claims 22-27.

It is respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

Claims 2, 5-8, 13-16, 18, 20 and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over JP'125, Scott and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,784,925 to Tomat et al. (Tomat). The rejection is respectfully traversed for at least the following reasons.

With regard to claims 2, 5-8, 13, 16 and 18, Applicant respectfully submits that Tomat fails to overcome the deficiencies of the combination of JP'125 and Scott, as discussed above with regard to amended independent claims 1 and 11, from which claims 2, 5-8, 13, 16 and 18 respectively depend. Thus, Applicant submits that the combination of JP'125, Scott and Tomat fails to disclose or suggest all the features of claims 2, 5-8, 13, 16 and 18.

With regard to claims 14, 15, 20 and 21, Applicant respectfully submits that none of JP'125, Scott or Tomat discloses or suggest the combination of features recited in independent claim 14 including, *inter alia*, a control device that controls said processing device, said transmission device and the internal storage device, the control device controlling the internal storage device to store the basic image data and the simplified image data, and after the transmission device has transmitted the basic image data, controlling the internal storage

device to delete the basic image data without deleting the simplified image data, as recited in amended claim 14. Thus, the combination of JP'125, Scott or Tomat fails to disclose or suggest all the features of claims 14, 15, 20 and 21. It is respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

Claim 10 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over JP'125, Scott and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,400,392 to Yamaguchi et al. (Yamaguchi). The rejection is respectfully traversed for at least the following reasons.

Page 10 of the Office Action states that Yamaguchi discloses performing a control to lower a brightness of a display image when the transmission device is transmitting the basic image data to the external storage device. Applicant respectfully disagrees.

Yamaguchi discloses changing a brightness of a full-motion window displaying a speaking participant in a teleconference (col. 15, line 66 - col. 16, line 3). Yamaguchi does not disclose or suggest changing a brightness of a display during transmission of basic image data. Thus, for at least these reasons and the reasons discussed above with regard to claim 1, from which claim 10 depends, Applicant submits that the combination of JP'125, Scott and Yamaguchi fails to disclose or suggest all the features of claim 10. It is respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of all pending claims are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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